

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUDOUN
INTERFAITH RELIEF'S 25TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of Loudoun Interfaith Relief, Loudoun County, Virginia's largest food pantry, and their steadfast service to the good citizens of the Loudoun community. I would like to personally commend the volunteers who so selflessly dedicate themselves to providing support to those less fortunate without asking anything in return. These notable citizens truly embody the very best of our nation's values through their service to the community and commitment to the betterment of others' lives.

Loudoun Interfaith Relief has increased their service exponentially since it began. In 1991, LIR provided 50,000 pounds of food over 4,800 pantry visits. In 2016, LIR served 11,000 individuals in 73,000 visits with 1.2 million pounds of food. The pantry is now open six days a week and has over 320 volunteers working to provide services to those in need. This growth is a clear testament to the outstanding dedication to service conducted by the staff and volunteers at Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me immense pride to recognize such a fine organization, and I sincerely hope that we all can live up to their tremendous example. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Loudoun Interfaith Relief. I wish them all the best and hope that they continue to be a positive example of service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE KOCH FAMILY
FARM IN PUEBLO COUNTY, COL-
ORADO

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Koch Farm, located in Pueblo County, Colorado. Last month, the Koch Farm was honored by the Colorado Department of Agriculture and History for its 102 years of contributions to Colorado's agriculture economy, and its deep family roots in the community.

The Koch Farm was founded in 1914 at the beginning of World War I. It survived the dust bowl of the 1930s, fluctuating crop prices, and many other harsh conditions that have devastated other Colorado farms over the past decade. As a family, the Kochs were able to persevere, keeping their family's traditions and the farm alive. It's through the hard work and determination of family members like John and Conrad Wyss, the founders of the farm; Mark Koch, the current operator of the farm, and his siblings; and their father, John Koch, who passed away earlier this year, that this farm continues to thrive today.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely proud of the family tradition and determination that the Koch Family Farm embodies. I congratulate the Koch Family Farm for receiving the distinct

honor of being designated as a part of the Colorado Department of Agriculture and History homestead collection. The Koch family truly deserves this honor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER MIKE BRUNSON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent, Officer Michael "Mike" Todd Brunson, a master police officer in the Winchester Police Department. Officer Brunson passed away on September 11th, 2016 at the age of 48. He will be sorely missed by his family, his fellow officers, and his entire community.

Mike Brunson was sworn into the Winchester Police Department on February 10, 1995 and was promoted to the position of Master Police Officer in September of 2006. Officer Brunson was a respected and well known member of our community. In addition to protecting his neighbors, Mike helped found his department's community policing unit, and even served as a counselor at the Kids and Cops Camp. Officer Brunson was a member of the SWAT Team, a firearms instructor and field training officer. He also received a Meritorious Action Award and a Valor Award in 2014 for risking his life to enter a burning home in search for a 2 year old boy.

Winchester Police Chief Kevin Sanzenbacher in his statement said that Mike "was a great person, a great father, grandfather, husband, son and friend. He will be truly missed." Lt. J. Cornwell of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office had Officer Brunson as his first field training officer and said "he was a very courteous and nice man who was always willing to pass on information that he had" and that it was a "shame to lose him, especially at that young age." Officer Mike Brunson is survived by his mother, Carol D. Rockwell, his wife, Kimberly Brunson; his daughter Elizabeth Thurman and her husband Jesse, his daughter Katherine Brunson; a step-daughter, Eve Neal, and step-son, Stephen Neal-Crowe; as well as his two grandchildren Ryleigh Grace and Oliver James Thurman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Officer Michael "Mike" Todd Brunson. May he rest in peace, and his family be comforted.

HONORING BOB MCFADDEN IN THE DALLES, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Bob McFadden for his many years of dedicated public service to the Port of The Dalles. Bob has retired after serving 11 years as commissioner and the last two years as President for the Port of The Dalles, and I would like to pay tribute to his leadership for the people of The Dalles.

Bob was born near Mollala, Oregon and graduated from Portland's Parkrose High School. Following graduation, Bob studied culinary arts and the hospitality industry at the Horst Mager Culinary Institute before beginning a career in culinary work and hotel management for Holiday Inn in the Portland area. During his tenure with the hotel industry, he met a fellow Parkrose High graduate, Kris, who would become his wife of 42 years. They would go on together to work in the Houston, Texas area before receiving an offer to manage a hotel in The Dalles and so the two moved their new family to The Dalles in 1982.

After arriving in The Dalles, Bob began his real estate career as well as his time as an Oregon athletics official for high school football and basketball. His career as a referee in the Mid-Columbia region also included service as basketball and football commissioner and the peer awarded State Football Referee of the Year.

Being a family man with a business to operate is a difficult and time consuming role in itself. In addition to being a great father, successful realtor, and a reliable referee for the region's student athletes, Bob found even more time to give to his community in a number of roles including membership and presidency of The Dalles Rotary and Lions Clubs, serving on the Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue Board, North Wasco County School District Budget Committee, and a term on The Dalles City Council. Bob and Kris also helped establish the long time sister city program with Miyoshi City, Japan that regularly sends citizens abroad and brings citizens of Miyoshi City to The Dalles to better promote understanding and exchange in the global community.

Bob's service with The Port of The Dalles began in 2003, where he served as commissioner until 2014 when he was elected President, a position he held until his retirement at the end of June. During his term, he has been an integral part of the economic driver that is The Port of The Dalles. Despite the progressive loss of major job creators over the years, The Port commission has managed to work with the community to create fruitful ideas to bring new jobs into the area. As a member of the Port's Community Outreach Team, I knew I could count on Bob to provide valuable insight in crafting solutions to the issues facing The Dalles and Wasco County.

As Bob begins his transition into retirement, I know he and Kris will look forward to more time together.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, please join me in recognizing and thanking my good friend, Bob McFadden for his many years of leadership and service to The Dalles.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2016 BREAST FRIENDS EVENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the important work done by Ms. Nicole Clark for hosting the 2016 Breast Friends event at Harmony Middle School in Virginia's Tenth Congressional District. Nicole has worked on hosting these events since